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*In the month of November, two special celebrations are held. One honoring our nations veterans and the other a day to reflect on our abundance, in many forms.*

*From NEA to all veterans, gratitude for your service! And, may we each enjoy a peace filled day of reflection and Thanksgiving.*

*Our office will be closed Thursday the 24th and Friday the 25th.*

In Preparation for Annual Meeting...

The Board will be considering appointments for nominating committee in December. If you are interested in becoming a part of the nominating committee, we encourage you to visit with a NEA Board member or call our office and visit about the process.

Once appointed in January, the committee will be announced and a meeting date in February will be organized and published. It is the committees responsibility to nominate qualified members in each of our three (3) districts, to run for positions on the Board of Directors.

NEA structures it's Board with three (3) representatives, from our three (3) defined districts, who serve three (3) year terms. See the last page of our insert for the names of current board members if you are not already familiar with your elected representatives.

The work of the nominating committee is the first step towards the organization of our annual meeting of the membership. Although we promote an open door culture for members to stop in and visit throughout the year, once a year we hold a formal business meeting as well as social event to make sure we are actively engaging and being available/ accountable to our members.

Annual Meeting will be held at the Sioux County High School in Harrison, Nebraska, in May of 2023. Members will be receiving more information about the event in coming months.





Niobrara Electric Association sent you a document to review and sign

REVIEW DOCUMENT

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NEA MEMBER,

Please DocuSign: Your Document

Thank You, Niobrara Electric Association

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Niobrara Electric Association is now utilizing DocuSign for all of our members, both current and new!!

DocuSign is a fast, reliable way to electronically sign documents from almost anywhere. These signatures are valid in all U.S states and are granted the same legal status as handwritten signatures under state laws. This is very exciting for us as we are now able to offer more convenience to our members. As of right now we can DocuSign the following documents (and hope to offer many more soon),

- Applications and Agreements for Small Power
- Applications and Agreements for Large Power
- Applications and Agreements for Irrigation
- Commitment Letters (For new services)
- Joint Use Agreements

This is just the beginning of what we are hoping to achieve with DocuSign, in the future we are hoping to utilize the Virtual Notary feature as well as add many more documents for your convenience. Using DocuSign does require the ability to access your email on a computer or mobile device. These documents are very user friendly and easily accessible.

We believe this will be a very useful tool for our cooperative and look forward to seeing where it will take us. Please call the office and ask for Shaylee if you have any questions regarding DocuSign and what all it can be used for!!

Tips for teaching children rules about electricity.

Never climb trees near power lines. Even if the power lines are not touching the tree, they could touch when more weight is added to the branch.

Kites and model airplanes should be flown only during good weather conditions in large open areas, like an open park or a wide field. Keep kites away from overhead power lines or other electrical equipment, such as substations. If a kite gets stuck in a tree near power lines, do not climb up to get it. Electricity can travel down kite strings or wires. Contact your electric utility for assistance.

Never climb a utility pole or tower. The electricity carried through this equipment is high voltage and could kill you.

Don't play on or around pad-mounted electrical equipment. These are often green metal "boxes" on cement pads and contain transformers.

Never go into an electric substation. Electric substations contain high-voltage equipment; even raising your hand inside one can cause an arc that may cause an electric shock. Never attempt to retrieve a pet, ball, or any toy from these areas. Call your electric utility instead.

Immediately seek shelter if lightning or thunder is present while playing outdoors.

When designing a tree house or outdoor play area for children, take preventive precautions before starting your project. Do not install playground equipment or swimming pools underneath or near power lines. Installation of either will require digging; call your local underground utility locating service to have buried lines marked, so you can avoid serious injury and damage.

Protect all family members from serious shock and injuries by installing ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) on outdoor outlets and in interior rooms where water is present. A GFCI shuts off power instantly if it detects a problem. Use portable GFCIs for outdoor outlets that don't have them. GFCIs are affordably priced and found at hardware stores.

Be careful using electrical appliances outdoors, even if plugged into GFCI-equipped outlets. Never use appliances with frayed or damaged extension cords and always be sure the ground prong is intact.

Never touch an electric appliance while in a pool or hot tub, to keep all electrical appliances at least ten feet away from pools, ponds, and wet surfaces, and that it is never safe to swim in a pool or lake when a storm is brewing.

Use caution before plugging in a radio, CD player, or any electrical gadget outdoors and never leave any electrical appliance outside. If it rains, the device could get wet and cause an electrical shock when used later.

Flooded areas are never safe spots to wade or play in, and if there has been severe weather, may be in contact with energized electrical equipment or fallen power lines left behind.

Everyone should stay away from downed power lines, report any fallen or dangling wires to an adult. Downed power lines are dangerous; always assume any power line is energized and stay far away. Call your local utility immediately if you encounter a downed power line (include this number with other posted emergency phone numbers).

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**Touchstone Energy**<sup>SM</sup>

**Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday

7:30 am—5:00 pm

Friday 7:30 am—4 pm

**Outages** ....1-800-322-0544  
or 307-334-3221

Phones are answered 24 hours a day.

Phones will be answered by Niobrara Electric Association during office hours and SRS will take all other calls and dispatch NEA personnel.

*Rate studies provide valuable prospective and are a regular part of this industries' business management. In line with this, Niobrara Electric has signed an agreement with C.H Guernsey who will perform a Rate and Cost of Service Study in the spring of 2023 to ensure the rates the members are paying for their services are fair and justifiable.*

*Tri-State has also formed a Rate Design Committee comprised of member Directors and Managers to do the same for our wholesale rates.*

*In addition to the convience of online bill paying via the SmartHub, NEA does offer automatic withdrawal. If auto withdrawal is something that you might be interested in, call our billing department and visit with, Lish.*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

District

John Hester	1	Keeline, WY	President
Andy Barnette	2	Lusk, WY	
David Keener	3	Marsland, NE	Sec./Treas
Bill Wilson	3	Harrison, NE	
AW Manning	1	Lance Creek, WY	
Jim Dunn	3	Harrison, NE	
Neal Wurdeman	2	Lusk, WY	
Bradyn Bruegger	1	Lance Creek, WY	
JD Wasserburger	2	Lusk, WY	Vice President

**Board Minutes**

Management reported no injuries or near misses. Guideline 104 was approved. Donation requests for Harrison Volunteer Fire Department and Sioux County Fair Board were approved.

Director Wilson reported on Tri-State news and FERC authority to set CTP.

Director Keener reported on NREA business.

Director Wasserburger reported on WREA meeting held in Powell, WY.

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